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HILLO FEATURE EDITION

Today's edition of the Star-Bulletin features the Fifth Civic Convention and Second Annual Hawaii County Fair at Hilo next month. Three sections of this Saturday issue are devoted to news articles, special descriptive and informative articles, photographs and advertising, with Hilo and its achievements and efforts as the central theme.

No one can read these articles without being struck by the fact that Hilo is working on a definite program of "preparedness" to play its part as a strong factor in community welfare all over Hawaii. It is undertaking public improvements on a broad scale. It was Hilo that started the Civic Convention movement and as the convention rolls around to the city of its inception the time is particularly fitting for public recognition of Hilo's work. Such recognition the Star-Bulletin has endeavored to give in its Hilo Feature Sections today.

It is emphasized there and it should be emphasized again that Honolulu has a manifest duty in this connection—to send a big crowd to the convention. Hilo is making a real financial effort to entertain the convention and fair visitors on a big scale. Reciprocity should impress every business man and business firm here with the idea of taking time off, or of giving employees time off, to visit the convention.

A MOUNTAIN OF A MOLE HILL

Probably nowhere but in Hawaii could such a meeting take place as that on the roof garden of the Young Hotel yesterday—a "massmeeting" over a swimming meet and to air the fancied grievances of a minority. Nowhere but here, where interest in swimming is engrossingly keen, would there be such portentous seriousness given to questions which should be taken up, if at all, quietly and in a personal way with the local A. A. U. officials.

That Hawaii was awarded the 100-yard championship A. A. U. race has been generally known. It had not been generally known that the two mainland cracks, Vollmer and Cann, had been instructed not to enter here the events at which they are champions. There may be some criticism of A. A. U.

officials for not ascertaining definitely just what races the mainlanders would enter and announcing it as soon as the visitors arrived, if that were possible, but even this criticism does not justify the shortsighted agitation which was stirred up yesterday. It does not even remotely justify the talk of Hawaii's athletes withdrawing from the races. It does not justify a "massmeeting" to put A. A. U. officials on the carpet.

There is ground for gratification that the majority of those who attended the "massmeeting" yesterday had no intention of being stampeded into childish action. It is unfortunate that the agitators went as far as they did. The size of their grievance did not justify their methods. They made a mountain out of a molehill.

Quite naturally Honolulu does not think that the New York Athletic Club officials—if there was more than one—who told Cann and Vollmer not to go into their crack distances did the most sportsmanlike thing. But Honolulu should not hold either the whole club or its swimmers responsible. Perhaps—and very likely too—the New Yorkers did not know how much it means to Hawaii to have "our Duke" get another chance at the mainlanders over the distances at which he was defeated. That is local pride at its keenest, and we are very proud of Duke.

The cablegram to Secretary Rubien of the A. A. U. "did the work." It secured permission for these men to enter their best events, and the cablegram was sent before the Young Hotel "massmeeting." The New York swimmers showed by their relief when the answer came that it was no fault of theirs they were not to swim their championship distances. The good sportsman is a good sportsman to the backbone. He is game enough to take bitter medicine now and then without a "holer."

The first Maui County Fair will follow the Hawaii County Fair by two months. This morning's mail brought to Honolulu the formal announcement of the agronomy section of the Maui event, and with F. G. Krauss at its head, this section should be a very good one. Maui's fair will be held November 30, December 1 and December 2 at Wailuku, and in early issues the Star-Bulletin will give it extended notice. The Hawaii and Maui dates do not conflict and exhibitors naturally are gratified at the widening scope of county fairs in this territory.

Twelve Tons of Sugar to Acre Record at Ewa

Former Head Boiler at That Plantation Writes of Great Product Obtained

Twelve tons of sugar to the acre—not merely from an exceptional field, but the thousands of acres making up the Ewa estate—is enough to make the shames of Hawaii's sugar planters howl for weeping willow wands to plant in Paradise. Those worthies thought they did grandly with 2-12 tons.

Tom O'Dowda, for many years head boiler of Ewa, has written interestingly to the Star-Bulletin regarding the new cane that gives such prodigious yield. His letter follows:

"There has been very little said or written about the tremendous improvement going on in our sugar cane right under our noses. I mean the H-109 cane now being raised at Ewa. This cane was raised from a seedling by George F. Renton, manager of Ewa, and to him all credit is due. It does not tassel and it grows the year round, while it also rates very high both in sucrose content and in purity. They have taken off several hundred acres of it, are planting 1400 acres of it this year and by 1918 all Ewa will be planted in this cane."

"Does anyone realize what that means—to raise cane that will give 12 tons of sugar to the acre instead of six or seven tons, at practically the same expense?"

"For a time I thought, like a great many more, that the rains of last spring had a great deal to do with the increased output at Ewa, but I have changed my mind. While no doubt the rainfall at the right time has done a great deal of good, the main reason for the fine results is the new cane, H-109."

"I went down there last Saturday and they were grinding my old friend, H-113, which had a purity of only 75 and sucrose of 11, while a few days before they had H-109 that was over 90 purity. It was certainly a grand sight to see acres and acres of this beautiful cane growing, and darn me if I did not see some fields there that will give 100 tons of cane to the acre."

POSTOFFICE HOLIDAY NOTICE

Labor Day, Monday, September 4, will be observed as a holiday by the Postoffice. The stamp, general delivery and registry windows will be open from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m.

One delivery will be made by letter carriers, collections will be made from street letter boxes to connect despatch of mails for Maui and Kauai by the steamships Claudine and Maui.

For William F. Young, Postmaster.

HONOR IS PAID HAWAII'S QUEEN ON HER SEVENTY-EIGHTH BIRTHDAY

made this year of the birthday, but in spite of this, hundreds remembered the day by their presence.

At 5 o'clock this morning many were already there to bow their courtesy and kiss the hand of the queen. From then on they came continually.

The Hawaiian band, which serenades the queen each year, arrived at 9 o'clock to play until noon. After her usual 8 o'clock breakfast, the queen sat on the front terrace with her more intimate friends and retainers to enjoy the soft strains floating up through monkey pod and mango trees.

As she sat there, surrounded by those who shared her love, with an agreeable sun sifting down through the leaves, with the flag of her royal house waving gaily in the breeze, she brushed a tear away from an eye that filled too full of love for the old Hawaiian airs from the band. Many of these she had composed herself and as the musicians came closer at her command and sang to their queen she smiled up at the emblem of royal blood and was truly regal.

Territory Pays Respect.
Representing Governor Lucius E. Pinkham, who was unable to attend through illness, General Samuel I. Johnson, commander-in-chief of the National Guard of Hawaii, arrived at 10 o'clock to pay his and the governor's respects.

Accompanying him was his staff, all in full dress uniforms of white and gold, with swords. They were Major James D. Dougherty, the governor's aide, Major J. M. Camara, Major L. W. Redington and Captain L. G. Blackman. On the broad lanai where the queen sat they greeted her and later were presented formally as she sat in state inside.

Half an hour later came all the officers of the Guard, making a pretty picture as they marched by two from the street to the steps to salute the queen.

Col. Curtis P. Lauka, the queen's secretary, who was in charge of the informal arrangements, met all guests and delegations and showed them about the grounds. A this cottage office, cigars and refreshments were offered the men and all visitors wrote their names in the big guest-book.

At 11 o'clock the queen changed her breakfast gown for her receiving costume and took her seat in the reception line. Mrs. Kahalelauka Halloway, one of her oldest and dearest friends, sat at her right in the line of reception and Prince and Princess Kalanians'ole were at her left. At her back were the royal robes, in her hair and around her neck were the priceless feather (mamo) leis and at her side to do her bidding was Major E. K. Kilikilani, one of the old court attendants of monarchy days. She wore at her neck a likeness of King Kamehameha III. An old retainer

near her side wore one of the famous feather cloaks (ahuula) with the black and scarlet crescents.

The queen sat in the reception line until noon when a luncheon for about 24 of her nearest friends and relatives was served.

Telegrams from the mainland, letters, flowers, presents and telephone messages from Honolulu people came in a mass all day, mingling their expressions of love and good wishes with those verbal ones brought in person.

The reception room was a profusion of American Beauty roses, dahlias, scarlet ixoras and the old Hawaiian flowers which were sent by friends. An especially beautiful basket of the foyal flower was sent by Mr. and Mrs. Spencer of Nuuanu street.

Arika and kentia palms afforded a large part of the interior decorations, and the American Beauties which predominated made a wonderfully pleasant effect.

Among the officials who called were Mayor and Mrs. John Lane. The mayor gave the respects of the city government to the queen and personally congratulated her upon her health and happiness.

"Her Majesty looks wonderfully well," he said. "I was quite surprised to find her in such good health."

Prince Kuhio said he had never seen the queen look so well.

Following the departure of the band the Haleiwa Glee Club took its place in a corner of the lanai to play during the luncheon hour.

One of the first and oldest guests to call was Mrs. Sarepta Gulick, whose husband was minister of the interior during the reign of King Kalakaua.

Rev. Leopold Kroll, Fr. Valentin, Bishop Restarick and sisters from Kapitolani Home were among the prominent visitors.

Some of those who came to see the queen were Miss Lucy Peabody, Mrs. A. Ahrens, Mrs. George Smithers, Mrs. Annie Conrad, Mrs. S. F. Chillingworth, Mrs. Hanna Palmer and Mrs. E. McInerney.

J. A. Dominis assisted in presenting the guests to the queen and Mrs. Dominis and Mrs. Laukae attended the queen.

Older friends of the queen who came early included Mrs. Mary C. Beckley and Mrs. Hanna K. Evans.

One of the prettiest leis sent the queen was one of native orchids, which Her Majesty held in her hand during the reception.

Leis of ginger, manila, hula and filma came by scores to fill the royal chambers with delightful odors.

One of the most beautiful presents received by the queen and for which she expressed enthusiastic delight was a silver picture of her late husband by the Hon. E. L. Young, secretary of the Hawaiian League. On her left hand she wore the old Hawaiian crown which she wore when the queen of the monarchy.

JAPANESE AUTHORITY ON EDUCATION HIGHLY PRAISES AMERICAN SYSTEMS

Professor Yamauchi of the Kansai Middle School of Japan, who has finished his investigations of school systems in the United States and was here from the Tenyo Maru, en route home, Friday, was seen by the Star-Bulletin and said: "The United States of America is not only grand in the industries and commerce in the world, her systems of education are the finest in the world. The general knowledge of the children in the grammar and high schools in that country is high. While I was in California I found that the relationship between the home and the school was on the same principle towards the children. This is most important for education in any country. Americans always respect the personality of the child in the school as well as in the

homes. It is a fine point. "Japanese schools teach theories while American schools teach practice in even the grammar schools, and every school has its practical course while we have none. Under Americanism there are no nationalities, all are treated and educated as equals."

"The Japanese must depend on only American educational methods which are nearer perfect than those of any other country in the world."

"Japanese education for the American-born Japanese children is not so important to the development of the child's knowledge and ability must depend upon American education. Literature or law for Hawaiian-born Japanese is not necessary, they must study something technical and professional for their future."

SHIPPING BOARD MAY PASS CRAFT TO LOCAL TRADE

Additional light on the terms of the new government shipping bill was shed today when Secretary Raymond C. Brown of the Chamber of Commerce received a memorandum from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, to which he had telegraphed for information. After referring him to a bulletin of the chamber—which did him no good, as it is still on its way—the message added: "Any foreign-built vessel passing through shipping board into private ownership eligible to all coastwise trades."

NO NAVY VESSEL IS IN DANGER NEAR CRISTOBAL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 2.—There are no American warships in the vicinity of Cristobal, where a naval vessel was thought to be in distress owing to the receipt of streamers of fragmentary wireless calls.

H. A. Dunn, American manager of the Mexican City Railway plant, imprisoned by Carranza authorities since last May, has been provisionally released.

burgh, when he was here with the Royal Air Force navy years ago. This afternoon from 1 to 2 o'clock the Salvation Army band, composed chiefly of little girls, came to serenade the queen. This voluntary act pleased Her Majesty immensely.

Throughout the whole day the queen seemed to take increased vigor from the happy occasion and showed in many ways her thorough appreciation of the day. The luncheon table today was set in the form of an immense "L" for Liliuokalani.

At breakfast this morning the queen's older friends presented her with a huge birthday cake, bearing 78 candles for her age and one for luck.

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(Special Cable to Hawaii Shipped)

TOKIO, Sept. 2.—The building of the Prisoners' Intelligence Bureau, which is under the Department of War, was entirely destroyed by fire yesterday. Important documents and papers were burned.

Hart, Parr & Co. of Charles City, Ia., signed a contract for 9.8-inch shells for the British government, amounting approximately to \$3,500,000.

Because of the threatened railroad strike the war department suspended the proposed movement to the border of between 25,000 and 35,000 guardsmen.

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